

To-day's
Advertisements.

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POLARD'S
LILLIPUTIAN OPERA COMPANY

Under the distinguished Patronage of
H.E. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.,
and
H.E. Major-General WILSON BLACK, C.B.,
TO-NIGHT (TUESDAY) TO-NIGHT
4th May, 1897.
In Alfred Cellier's Sparkling Comic Opera
DOROTHY.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
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A. H. POLLARD,
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Hongkong, 4th May, 1897. [743]

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Hongkong, 4th April, 1897. [745]



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connecting at KOBE with the Company's Steamship
Yamaguchi Maru which will take on the cargo
and passengers for Seattle and points beyond.

Consular Invoices of Goods for the United States
should be in QUADRUPPLICATE, and one Copy
must be mailed by the Steamer to the care of
the EXPORT AGENT, Great Northern Railway,
Seattle, Wash.

This departure cancels the previously adver-
tised sailing of the Company's Steamship
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Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods,
with the exception of Valuable, are being
landed at their risk into the Godown of the
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Company, Limited, at Wharfedale, whence delivery
may be obtained.

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the Godown and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company, and sent
into this Office within seven days after the
vessel's arrival, after which no claims will be
recognised, and Goods remaining undelivered
will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
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Undersigned.

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To-day's
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**ST. ANDREW'S HALL,
(CITY HALL).**
TO-DAY (TUESDAY)!!
"THE CINEMA TOGRAPH"
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Will be exhibited, under the personal super-
vision of Professor MAURICE CHANVET, at the
following hours:—

11 A.M. 2.30 P.M. 5.30 P.M.
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Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [3792]

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

Hongkong, 13th April, 1897. [70]

BIRTH.

At the London Mission Com. and, Hsiaoan,
on the 1st April, the wife of GERALD STOCK-
WELL WALTON, M.B., C.M., of a son.

MARRIAGE.

At the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Shanghai, on the 28th April, by the Rev. Father
Louis (S.J.), ACHILLE DOS SANTOS & OLIVEIRA,
to APOLLONIA CAROLINA, the eldest daughter of
Theodoro Antonio and Querina Maria do
Rosario.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1897.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE GRECO-TURKISH WAR.

LONDON, May 4.
The Greeks have suffered a defeat at
Pentepoleia (Kephros) and have retired to
Arta. They have also been defeated at Veles-
tino (Thessaly) and have retreated to Volo.

The Duchess of Sparta, whilst returning from
one of the hospitals, was killed by a mob and
compelled to take refuge in the hospital until
her carriage reached and drove her at a gallop
to the Palace.

THE POWERS AND THE WAR.

Lord Salisbury has proposed a conference at
Paris to discuss the Greco-Turkish war.

ONLY TO BE EXPECTED.

A private letter published in the Shanghai
native press from Tientsin states that Yang Ju,
the Chinese Minister at St. Petersburg, has
telegraphed to the Tsung-tai Yamen that Russia
is about to claim the cession of the three North-
Eastern provinces, Fengtien, Taitshih and Hei-
lung-kiang from China.—China Gazette.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE buying rate for sovereigns is \$3.38 per £.

CHANGE of pictures: at the Cinematograph
to-night.

The Russian gunboat Manjour arrived at
Shanghai on the 26th ultimo from Ningsasski.

TELEGRAMS received at Shanghai from Hankow
dated 30th April report that a few months of
Oman and Keenness are expected in Hankow
on the 6th inst.

The work of refitting the stranded steamer
Yitang is progressing favourably, says the N. C.
Daily News of 1st May. Divers are at work
patching the holes in the bottom, and it is
thought that she will be afloat in a few days.

The Manager of China mentions a report that
M. Dubail, French Consul-General at Shanghai,
now on leave, will return very shortly to act as
French Charge d'Affaires at Peking during the
absence of M. Gerard on leave.

REPORTS from Kabul show that the winter in
Afghanistan has been very severe. The spring
is setting in much later than usual and the snow-
fall has been unusually heavy in the Hindu Kush
districts.

THROUGH an accident when going press, we
are unfortunately compelled to hold over our
notice of Signor Cattaneo's pupils' very suc-
cessful concert last night. A full report will
appear to-morrow.

ACCORDING to our latest Indian exchanges,
landholders have been busy in Mandalay during
the early part of April. The Zaygoe Bazaar, the
Post and Telegraph office, the dock bungalows
and the survey offices have been burnt down.
Flacards, in Burmese, posted in different places,
threaten the destruction of the Churches and
school.

The Band of the West York Regiment will
play the following programme at the Officers'
Mess, Murray Barracks, to-morrow, commencing
at 8 o'clock:—

1.—Overture, Morning Noon and Night, Supper
2.—March, The Pipers of the 1st Buffs
3.—Selection, The Pipers of the 1st Buffs
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FROM private advices received here from
Touman, dated April 25th, we learn that Mr.
Batholomew, of the Liverpool Salvage Association,
has arrived at that port to direct the floating off
of the stranded French steamer Canton. She
went ashore near Touman several months ago
and on the 25th she was expected that she
would be got afloat in eight days. She will
probably come on to Hongkong to dock.

WONG YU SIKO, the sheriff of the Mount Austin
Hotel, was charged at the Magistracy this morn-
ing with embezzling the sum of \$1,458.30 from
his employees. Mr. C. Evans prosecuted and
asked Mr. Woodhouse to deal with the matter
summarily instead of committing the defendant
for trial as the defendant admitted the charge.
His Worship after hearing a few of the facts of
the case passed sentence of six months' hard
labour.

A PORTUGUESE named H. A. Nimo was bound
over at the Police Court to-day in the sum of
\$50 to be of good behaviour for six weeks for
insulting Mr. Cotton, Inspector of Nuisances.
It appears that the complainant was riding his
"bike" along Queen's Road East when the
defendant called out to him "Hear, youascal,
stop!" The Inspector dismounted and asked
for an explanation but was told to mind his own
business.

Although the official description of the new
battleships for which provision is made in next
year's Estimates states that the designs for them
are not yet settled, there is a widespread opinion
that we are likely to see vessels of the *Mayfield*
rather than of the *Canopus* class.

The year 1895-96 has been one of unprecedented
success in the annals of the Akbar administration
in the Madras Presidency. The total
amount of Akbar's revenue realized during the
year was over thirteen millions of rupees, the
principal source of income being taddy and
country produce.

The net profits of the Deutsche Bank for the
year 1896 amount to £665,193, which re-
presents 15 per cent. on the average paid-up
capital. It is proposed to pay a dividend of 10
per cent. and, after a dividend of 10 per cent.
account, and making other appropriations, to
carry forward £24,352.

THE proceedings at the annual meeting of the
Central Stores, Ltd., held 20th April, were of a
very animated nature, and a resolution was
carried appointing Messrs. J. H. Stewart, Gye,
and W. Bell as a Committee, with such expert
assistance as they may require, to investigate
the affairs of the Company, the meeting being
adjourned.—N. C. Daily News.

WHAT promised to be an amusing law-suit came
to a sudden termination at Quetta the other day.
Two officers of a certain regiment sued one
another in the Cantonment Magistrate's
Court for the price of sundry snipe which one
had shot and the other eaten, or given to his
friends to eat. However, when counsel pre-
sented, and, on the case being called, both
parties were absent, to the disappointment of
certain spectators who were interested in the
termination of the suit.

OUR Canton correspondent, writing on the
2nd instant, says that Professor Spence made
another balloon ascent and parachute descent
on the 1st. It was watched with breathless
interest by thousands of Chinese on horse-back
&c., and as the balloon gracefully ascended it
great "Hiss-yah" burst from them. When the
balloon came to rest it was seen to be a
"bare" way even a louder cry. This "Hiss-yah"
is the natives' cry, it seems to amuse
and astonish the natives much.

THE Cinematograph continues to draw large
attendances daily and nightly at St. Andrew's
Hall, and the unanimous verdict of those who
have seen the exhibition is that it is one of the
cleverest scientific and artistic novelties of the
age. The display of pictures is very varied
indeed and the way in which action and
light and shade effects are reproduced is
truly wonderful. No less than 260 of the
most famous photographs of the world are
shown, and the exhibition is a most interest-
ing and instructive one. The pictures are
shown in the evening, and the exhibition is
open to the public from 7 to 10 p.m.

THE Opening Performance—"DOROTHY."
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mimic, Emma Pendleton, as Tom Strutt, had a
very little love scene, and their singing and
acting at once placed them high in public favour.
Miss Elsie Norwood, as Dorothy, made a win-
some village lass, and Lydia Hawthorne found a
pretty exponent in Miss Jessie Ford. These
ladies, with Miss Constance Pollard, who made a
very fine Geoffrey Wilder, and Miss Annie Moore,
equally successful as Harry Sherwood, had the
brunt of the work in this scene and their
singings, in solo and in part, was a real
musical treat. Dorothy's song "What sense
is there in my spirit stealing" was applauded
to the echo, and so too was the duet with
Lydia: "No man is worth a thought." Geoffrey
too received a decided hit with his fine rendition
of "What a Dainty Damsel!" The drinking
quarrel was also an enjoyable piece of
localization and the dialogue between the mem-
bers was spoken by the young artists with all
the glow of youthful vigour. We met
our first acquaintance with the comedian of the
troupe (Alfred Gwynne) towards the latter end of
Scene 1 and it is safe to say that he is about the
cleverest juvenile that has ever appeared in the
East. In the part of Lurcher, Sheriff's Officer,
this youngster showed an extraordinary natural
talent for the grotesque, and his acting, while
free from anything like over-restraint or reserve,
was in no wise overdone. In voice, gesture,
and movement he was alike excellent and the
house was convulsed repeatedly with his
drolletries. Special mention must be made
of the quartette "You swear to be good
and true," for which Dorothy, Lydia, Geoffrey
and Harry received an enthusiastic outburst
of applause. At the close of the first Act the
company had a hearty recall. In Act 2 the scene
was the interior of Chancelier Hall, a cleverly
arranged "set" showing a great old-fashioned
oaken staircase with candlesticks, &c., and the
effect was heightened by the quiet court
costumes of the ladies, who also wore
patches and wig powder. The *musculi* made
a charming stage picture, the colours in the
various costumes harmonizing prettily, and
the dancers moved through the figures with
quite an old-world courtly grace. The *Squire's*
miser and song "Contentment" was given in
first-rate style and too was the chorus, "Harry
Sherwood (Miss Annie Moore) and most
cordial approbation for the popular song "Queen
of my Heart," and the encore was undeniable. In
this Act Lurcher had some extraordinarily funny
scenes with Miss Privat, an elderly lady, repre-
sented with much skill, by Miss Flora Ross,
their love-making and the drinking episodes
sending the audience into roars of laughter. A
fine old-fashioned hunting song, "Tally ho, hark
downward," brought down the curtain on an
extraordinary pleasing stage picture. The third
and last Act took place in a pretty piece of wood-
land scenery called "The Round copse." Here
four graceful little ladies gave a charming
and happy dance, for which they were recalled

most deservedly, and then three old dames,
with sagacious but somewhat dramatic, and at the
same time they drolly sang that "Dancing
is not what it used to be." There were
many other attractive features in this act,
together with lots of fun by Lurcher and
the intercalary never flagged for a moment. At the
close of the performance there was another un-
animous recall. The musical arrangements were
quite in keeping with the excellence of the
performance and the stage movement too
was capital, while as regards the costumes,
it is not too much to say that they would
not discredit an opera company of far greater
pretensions than the Lilliputians. Writing with a
knowledge of Pollard's *Phoebe* and his first enter-
prise of this nature, it would seem that the
triumphs of the past are going to be largely
augmented by those gained by the juveniles of
to-day, under the reign of Pollard *Phoebe*. To all
who can appreciate good music, clever acting,
genuineness, and a well-staged performance, we
can heartily recommend a visit to the perfor-
mances of these light-hearted young artists.

MACAO NOTES.

(From our own Correspondent.)
APRIL 30th.

Regarding a report that plague has appeared
here, I am happy to be able to inform you that,
after careful investigation, I am in a position to
deny the statement, and further to say that there
are no signs even of sporadic cases. It is true
that a number of cases of fever have been re-
ported, but so far they have not been occupied.
It was, however, a wise precaution of the
Government, seeing our close proximity to
Canton, Heliow, and Swatow. For the same
reason coal-lar is being burnt and chloride of
potassium and other strong disinfectants are
being used in the sewers.

To attribute to plague the deaths of those who
died of different kinds of fevers as duly certified
by the doctors is really a most harmful mis-
statement of facts which in truth tends a great deal to
spread fear when there is no justification, for
such reports are sometimes believed by those
who too readily give credence to them.

The health of this city is good and has been
good, notwithstanding the reports of the sensation-
mongers, who should learn that sanitary
precautionary measures adopted by the Govern-
ment do not necessarily mean the existence of
the evil of which everybody is so justly afraid.

With the improvements in the Volong and
Tap Sze quarries and the building of neat and
comfortable houses in the former district, both
landlords and tenants have good cause to be
pleased. The Praya wall, destroyed by the typhoon
of last year, is being gradually repaired and
improvements are also to be noted in most of the
roads.

Colonel Galardo, our new Governor, is
expected in Hongkong by the first French Mail
in the month of May. It is said that Dr. Lello,
our Colonial Secretary, is to be transferred
soon.

His Excellency the Governor, as some of our
readers are aware, was one of the officers who
so distinguished themselves by bravery in our
late African campaign, which terminated in the
capture of Gungubama and his chief followers.

Faithful to promises made last year, Dr.
Yersin has presented the medical authorities
here with a number of tubes containing his
valuable and highly appreciated serum for the
cure of plague. It is to be hoped, however, that
they may never be needed here. In any case,
the people of this city have good cause to be
thankful for the doctor's kindly gift.

Your readers will be glad to learn that King
Kee's new hotel is fast nearing completion. It
is a large and comfortable 3-storey building on
the Praya, with airy and commodious rooms and
all modern improvements to be found in a first
class hotel. The place speaks volumes for the
enterprising proprietor, who believes in being
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